

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year. In addition to causing emotional, physical, psychological and financial harm, victims' pain often extends to loved ones and communities; and

WHEREAS: The Victims of Crime Act, enacted by Congress in 1984, affirms a national commitment to helping crime victims rebuild their lives through recognition of victims' rights, and by treating them with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS: Providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment; and

WHEREAS: Individuals who feel understood and supported are more likely to disclose their victimization, seek services and participate in the judicial process; and

WHEREAS: National Crime Victims' Rights Week is recognized each April to recommit to ensuring that all victims are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response that promotes healing and fosters strength. This year's theme, "Expand the Circle – Reach All Victims," emphasizes the importance of inclusion and collaboration in rebuilding lives.

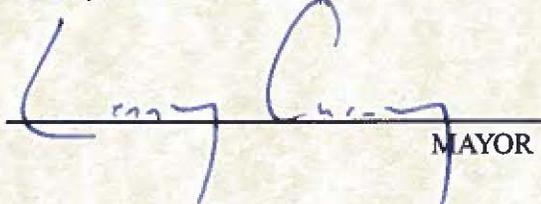
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 8 - 14, 2018 as

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join the City of Jacksonville, victim services providers and criminal justice professionals in the commitment to improving our response to all victims of crime and promoting compassionate assistance, support, justice and peace.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 26th day of March
in the year Two Thousand 18


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA